

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

TO: The Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Attention: Mr. C. D. De Loach

FROM: W. G. Wyman  
Assistant Director

SUBJECT: Zermach KANTIN

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 13 September 1950 enclosing three reports on Sture ASHBERG, the son of the suspected Soviet agent, Olaf ASHBERG, in which Zermach KANTIN is mentioned. According to the Bureau's reports KANTIN came to the United States around 1939 with Olaf ASHBERG and Sture ASHBERG to establish a printing business. Together they formed the KANTIN PRINTING CORPORATION, financed by Olaf ASHBERG, which was incorporated in the state of New York in May 1941 with an authorized capital stock of \$20,000.

2. A usually reliable source has reported that KANTIN, who was born in Russia 17 July 1897, has been in France since April 1950 and that he has been residing in Paris at the Hotel Moderne, Place de la Republique. He holds U. S. Passport No. 2205-FS-5775 and he is believed to have become a U. S. citizen in 1946. It has been reported also that the deGaullist newspaper France-Amerique, by which Vassili SOUKHOMLINE was employed in 1940 (see your memorandum of 14 October 1949 on SOUKHOMLINE) was printed by KANTIN's corporation. Furthermore, it has been noted that Emile BURE, one of SOUKHOMLINE's contacts and a member of the group centering around Olaf ASHBERG and the international Communist agent Otto KATZ, was connected with France-Amerique also while he was in the United States.

3. It would be appreciated if the Bureau would forward us any additional information on KANTIN contained in its files and any information on France-Amerique that may be available. The Bureau will be furnished any further reports pertinent to this case received from abroad.

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